

Worship
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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9:45am



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Welcome to Worship

Whether one's feet are big or small, fresh or worn, running or crawling
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is:
Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- L. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L. From water to wilderness:
- C. **God's covenant continues.
God's kingdom comes near.**
- L. On stone and in hearts:
- C. **God's covenant continues.
God's kingdom comes near.**
- L. From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:
- C. **God's covenant continues.
God's kingdom comes near.**
- L. We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,
- C. **For where he is, we would be also.**

SONG *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain
I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so
amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

CONFESSION

- L. During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart.
Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Silence for Reflection

- L. Merciful God,
You sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.
- C. **We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your Truth.
Have mercy on us and wash away our sins.
Create in us clean hearts
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SONG *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a
clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your**

presence, O Lord, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

- L. Behold, now is the acceptable time;
now is the day of salvation.
Almighty God has mercy on us,
forgiving us all our sins,
and bringing us to everlasting life.
- C. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.
- C. And also with you.**
- L. Let us pray together,
- C. Good and gracious One, we cry out and you hear our voice. You lift us up with your love and offer us the light of your grace. Let the richness of your mercy flow through our lives, so we may worship you and then go forth as filled children of light and love, in the name of Christ, in whom we find hope. Amen.**

(Those who are able, please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending; touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere you; Word make flesh, we long to hear you.

BIBLE READING Ephesians 2:4-10

However, God is rich in mercy. He brought us to life with Christ while we were dead as a result of those things that we did wrong. He did this because of the great love that he has for us. You are saved by God's grace! And God raised us up and seated us in the heavens with Christ Jesus. God did this to show future generations the greatness of his grace by the goodness that God has shown us in Christ Jesus.

You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed. It's not something you did that you can be proud of. Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives.

- L. The Word of the Lord,
- C. Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

WORSHIP MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The following is spoken after each prayer petition

L. Lord in your mercy,

C. Hear our prayer.

OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERING SONG *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"*

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L. Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

SONG *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure. That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away, as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring all of us to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast of anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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SONG *"By Grace We Have Been Saved"*

By grace we have been saved through faith and not by keeping law. God's saints believed by what they heard and not by what they saw.

Refrain: **Oh, how I love Jesus! Oh, how I love Jesus!
Oh, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!**

For all have sinned and fallen short. God's plan, not one obeyed. Christ has for all fulfilled the law. Believe, confess, be saved. *Refrain*

God gave to earth a perfect love through Jesus on the cross. While we were foes, Christ died for us. We gained by God's own loss. *Refrain*

We know the wage of sin is death; thank God, we shall revive. For just as Jesus rose again, we too are made alive. *Refrain*

Set free, we now have peace with God. Salvation is secured. How beautiful the feet of those who share this gospel word. *Refrain*

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

- L. May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of light,
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.
- C. **May the Lord bless us and keep us.
May the Lord's face shine upon us and be gracious to us.
May the Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. Amen.**

SONG *"For by Grace"*

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. *Repeat*

Salvation, salvation, salvation, salvation: it is the gift of God. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

DISMISSAL

- L. Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.
- C. **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL

This Week Please Pray For:

Travis Rieck, long recovery after major fall injury/surgery
Melanie Benter, chemotherapy
Hunter Swanke, 18-year-old, cancer (friend of Wayne and Paula Gorr)
Bob Pieper, cancer, son of Ardis & Lyle Pieper
Nancy Kopet, cancer, daughter-in-law of Ardis & Lyle Pieper

Tony Kula, chemo/radiation for glioblastoma (cancer of brain), brother of Kathy Malecek
Mike Walkowiak, transitional care, father of Matt Walkowiak
Carlene Samuelson, upcoming procedure
Pat Buenzle, healing
Dru Ticiu, recovering from surgery
David Tilly, infant in ICU after open heart surgery (great-grandson of Wally Schmidt)
Paul Rettinger, hospice (father of Greg Rettinger)
Michael Crace-broken vertebrae causing pain
Caroline Besky- transitional Care
Lawrence Besky-hospice, son of Don and Caroline Besky
John Hessler, hospitalized, brother of church member
Robert DeGrote, healing, father of Angie Huizel
Steve Gossett, healing, brother of Joan Kileen
Randy Falls, recovering from a fall, friend of Karen Pipho
The friends and family of Bonnie Kuehn grieving her death
The friends and family of Joanne Banach grieving her death